



# Allentown

435 Hamilton Street  
Allentown, Pa. 18101

## Meeting Agenda - Final

### City Council

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Wednesday, February 5, 2020

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

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#### Invocation: Councilperson Gurdy

#### Pledge to the Flag

#### Roll Call

#### Courtesy of the Floor

#### Courtesy and Privilege of the Floor Rules

*Please observe the Rules of Council when addressing the body. A full copy of Council Rules can be found on the city website or by email if you contact Council office.*

*There are multiple opportunities to address Council. Individuals can speak during Courtesy of the Floor (addressing items not on the agenda) and during Bills and Resolutions on Final Passage and Introduction. When given the Floor, please go to the podium and state your name and address. All remarks must be directed towards the presiding officer or council as a body; not a particular Council member or elected official, the audience or city staff. Unless otherwise determined, individuals shall have three minutes to address council and individuals representing a bona-fide group shall have five minutes. Privilege of the Floor will not be extended for personal insults or personal attacks on any individual, name calling or other behavior that is inconsistent with the purpose and intent of conducting official business. Please address council as a body. Refrain from using offensive language, cursing and making noises while other people are speaking. Act with decorum. Remove your hat and turn cell phones off.*

*(Council Speaking Rules: Members and others given the privilege of the floor will address the Presiding Officer. The Presiding Officer will extend the courtesy to the Councilperson(s) responsible for introducing legislation the opportunity to speak first. Each member will have the right to speak twice on any subject. No Member will be allowed to speak more than twice on any subject without permission of the Presiding Officer. No Member will speak more than three (3) times on the question without the unanimous consent of all the Members present.*

#### Notes:

- 1. If you are here for Resolution 17 on the blighted property, that will be referred to the Community and Economic Development Committee which will meet February 12 at 6 PM.**
- 2. The Chair will entertain a motion to request suspension of the rules and take Resolution 15 out of order and vote on it.**

#### Approval of Minutes:

December 17, 2019 City Council Meeting Minutes

Attachments:      [December 17, 2019 City Council Meeting Minutes](#)

January 6, 2020 Organizational Meeting Minutes

**Attachments:**      [January 6, 2020 Organizational Meeting Minutes](#)

January 15, 2020 City Council Contract Approval Meeting Minutes

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**Old Business**

**Communications**

**REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES:****Budget and Finance: Chair Siegel, Guridy, Mota**

The committee met on January 22 and forwarded one item on tonight's agenda; the next meeting is tentatively scheduled for February 22 and we will review a draft of legislation relating to responsible contractors, the monthly financials that are to be delivered on the 15th and any additional items or legislation the committee is interested in.

**CEDC: Chair Guridy, Gerlach, Affa**

The committee met on January 29; the next meeting is scheduled for February 12th at 6 PM to review Bill 6 – grant relating to opioids - and Resolution 17 – on blighted properties - being introduced this evening .

**Human Resources, Administration and Appointments: Chair Gerlach, Mota, Zucal**

The committee met on January 22 and discussed a bill that is being introduced this evening; we will formally review the bill February 12th at 5:30.

**Parks and Recreation: Chair Mota, Gerlach, Siegel**

The committee has not met since the last council meeting; there is nothing scheduled at this time.

**Public Safety: Chair Affa, Hendricks, Zucal**

The committee met this evening; next meeting is scheduled for February 19, time to be determined to discuss a resolution relating to enforcement of the noise exemption.

**Public Works: Chair Zucal, Affa, Siegel**

The committee met this evening; there are no future meetings scheduled.

**Rules, Chambers, Intergovernmental Relations and Strategy: Chair Hendricks, Guridy, Gerlach**

The committee has not met since the last council meeting; there is nothing scheduled at this time.

**City Controller****Administration**

Controllers Reports

**Attachments:**     [3rd QUARTER 2019 Pension Cash Flows](#)  
[PCard CL - Dec](#)  
[PCard Dec Report](#)  
[PCard CL Nov](#)  
[PCard - Nov](#)  
[BR Cover Letter](#)  
[Bank Rec](#)

## **APPOINTMENTS:**

Jennifer Swann, Environmental Advisory Council, 01/01/2023 (Reappointment)

**Attachments:**     [Jennifer Swann](#)

Dr. Paul K. Gross, Health Board, 01/01/2025 (Reappointment)

**Attachments:**     [Dr. Paul K. Gross](#)

John D. Stanley, Allentown Neighborhood Improvement Zone Development Authority, 01/01/2025 (Reappointment)

**Attachments:**     [Allentown Neighborhood Improvement Zone Development Authority - John D. S](#)

## **ORDINANCES FOR FINAL PASSAGE (To be Voted On):**

Bill 1   Public Works, this evening

Providing for the vacation of a portion of Ruhr Street from the centerline of Spring Street to the centerline of vacated Hickory Street in the Eighteenth Ward of the City of Allentown.

**Attachments:**     [Bill 1 Ruhr Street - Vacation](#)  
[Ruhr Street Staff Report](#)  
[Letter from Mike Hanlon regarding S. Ruhr Street from Hickory Street to Spring](#)  
[Letter from Irene Woodward from the Planning Department regarding Vacation](#)  
[Letter from Michael Donchez from the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission rega](#)  
[S. Ruhr Street from Hickory Street to Spring Street - Street Vacation Map](#)  
[S. Ruhr Street from Hickory Street to Spring Street - Street Vacation Documents](#)  
[Ruhr Street Vacation Labels](#)

Bill 2   Budget and Finance, forwarded favorably

Amending the 2020 Grant Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of One Hundred Forty-Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty-Six (\$149,836.00) Dollars from the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) Gun Violence Reduction Initiative Grant to the City of Allentown as a pass-through grant to Promise Neighborhoods of the Lehigh Valley toward the implementation of Allentown Zero Youth Violence Program.

**Sponsors:**       Administration

**Attachments:**      [Bill 2 Zero Youth Violence Grant](#)

Bill 3    Public Works, this evening

Providing for the vacation of a portion of Lawn Street SW from the centerline of Alton Avenue to the centerline of unopened Ruby Street in the Twelfth Ward of the City of Allentown:

**Attachments:**      [Bill 3 Lawn Street SW](#)

[Allentown Planning Commission Approval - Lawn Street SW](#)

[Report - Lawn Street SW](#)

[Letter from David Kimmerly regarding Vacation of Lawn Street SW from Alton to](#)

[Letter from Douglas Stewart regarding Vacation of Lawn Street SW from Alton to](#)

[Lawn Street from Alton Avenue to Ruby Street - Labels](#)

[Letter from the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission regarding Lawn Street SW from](#)

[Lawn Street from Alton Avenue to Ruby Street](#)

[Letter from Mike Hanlon regarding Lawn Street from Alton Avenue to Ruby Street](#)

Bill 5    Public Safety, this evening

Amending the 2020 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Fifty-Two Thousand Four Hundred Eighty-Two (\$52,482.00) Dollars from the United States Department of Justice Byrne JAG Grant to the City of Allentown as a pass-through grant to the County of Lehigh toward the Lehigh County Regional Intelligence and Investigation Center (RIIC).

**Sponsors:**            Administration

**Attachments:**      [RIIC JAG Grant](#)

## **RESOLUTIONS FOR FINAL PASSAGE (To be Voted On):**

R15

Supports Disaster Aid Package for Puerto Rico

**Sponsors:**            Gurdy, Mota, Mr. Zucal, Mr. Siegel, Hendricks and Affa

**Attachments:**      [R15 PR Aid](#)

R16

Approval of Transfers: \$51,395.08 in Public Works/Recycling & Solid Waste to cover Year End Negative Balance in Wage Related Accounts; \$21,008.92 in Public Works/Streets to Cover Year End Negative Balance in Wage Related Accounts; \$17,000.00 in Public Works – Engineering – To Pay Final 2019 Invoice for Street Lights.

**Attachments:**      [R16 Approval of a Transfers](#)

[Cover Year End Negative Balance in Wage Related Accounts Position Distribution](#)

[Cover Year End Negative Balance Related Accounts Retirement Payout in 2019](#)

[To Pay Final 2019 Invoice for Street Lights and LED Savings Not Fully Realized](#)

**ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION (To be referred to Committee with public comment prior to referral)**

Bill 6 Refer to CEDC

Amending the 2020 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Thirty-Nine Thousand Ninety-Six Dollars (\$39,096) from the Pennsylvania Department of Health, Bureau of Public Health Preparedness and Response to expand Opioid awareness and education activities in the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Grant.

**Attachments:** [Bill 6 Opioid Awareness Grant](#)

Bill 7 Refer to Public Safety

Amending the 2020 Grant Fund Budget and the 2020 General Fund to provide for a transfer of Three Thousand Three Hundred Sixty-Eight (\$3,368.00) Dollars from the Grant Fund to the General Fund to cover administration fees as a result of a previous grant.

**Attachments:** [Bill 7 JAG Grant Transfer](#)

Bill 8 Refer to Human Resources, Administration and Appointments  
Establishing a Homeless Commission

**Sponsors:** Gerlach, Guridy, Mota, Mr. Siegel and Administration

**Attachments:** [Bill 8 Homeless Commission](#)

Bill 9 Refer to Parks and Recreation

Amends the COY legislation by refining the composition of the membership

**Attachments:** [Bill 9 COY Amendment](#)

**RESOLUTIONS FOR INTRODUCTION (Can be voted on or Referred to Committee):**

R17

Property to Be Acquired by Eminent Domain by the  
Redevelopment Authority of the City of Allentown

**Attachments:** [R17 Blighted Properties](#)

**NEW BUSINESS****GOOD AND WELFARE****ADJOURN**

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